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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

consultations of the whole
(closed)

10 a.m.

Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/888)

Eritrea-Ethiopia (S/2000/879)

East Timor

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

3.30 p.m.

8th (closed) meeting

Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/55/2, A/C.4/55/3 and Add.1-20)
2. General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapters VI, IX-XI), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/55/303, A/55/384-S/2000/870, A/AC.109/2000/2-10, A/AC.109/2000/13-18, A/C.4/55/L.3); *item 88* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VIII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (A)), A/55/77 and Add.1); *item 89* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter V), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (B))), *item 90* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C))), A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/C.4/55/CRP.1; E/2000/68); *item 91* (A/55/81 and Add. 1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103] (A/55/3*, A/55/74, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/C.3/55/L.2 and E/2000/9)
2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104] (A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 51/210 OF
17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 3rd meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 4th meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations
Development Programme and of the
United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 39th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 40th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [3] (DP/FPA/2000/15)
2. UNFPA: Technical advisory programme [4] (DP/FPA/2000/16)
3. UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters [5] (DP/FPA/KHM/2; DP/FPA/VNM/6)

4. Other matters: Coordinating Committee on Health [11]
5. Pending decisions

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 26 September, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 26 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a high-level panel on information technology and public administration in preparation for the General Assembly deliberations on globalization and interdependence, (agenda item 100), which this year will focus on information technology, *today*, 26 September 2000, from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will chair the panel. The panellists will be Ms. Jill Velenosi, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Canada; Dr. William H. Melody, Professor, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Delft University of Technology (Netherlands); Mr. Subir Hari Singh, JS, Head of Electronic Governance Division, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India; and Dr. Hisham El Sherif, Chairman, Regional Information Technology & Software Engineering Center (Egypt).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcements

Information regarding the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence is available at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1412) or on the Web site of the Division at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/advsg01.pdf>.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 26 September 2000

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 3

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND SIXTH COMMITTEES (on agenda item 34 (a): oceans and the law of the Sea)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will brief the representatives of Member States on the World Conference against Racism *today*, 26 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Round table

A round table on "Capacity-building for Sustainable Development and Agriculture", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Department of Tropical and Sub-tropical Agricultural Studies of the University of Catania (Italy), will be held *today*, 26 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be conducted in English.

Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4
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Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/233)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/417).

10 a.m.	29th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
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3 p.m.	30th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
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Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3
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3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 51/210 OF
17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 2 to 13 October 2000. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternative representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (fax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson, tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, will brief members of the Fifth Committee on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, in the morning, following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Committee. The briefing will focus on three emerging management issues: Human resources management reform, capital master plan and the development of a comprehensive information technology strategy.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, (on trust funds) from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C, and on Friday, 29 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Copies of proposals to draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) submitted by delegations can be obtained in Room DC2-461 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea) today, 26 September 2000.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Thursday, 28 September, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 179
(Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency
virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)
in all its aspects)*

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 18th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone will be held on Thursday, 28 September 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Second Committee matters*) on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Thursday, 28 September 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

World Bank Seminar

A seminar on the theme "World Development Report 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Briefings

The President of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees will give a briefing for non-governmental organizations about the main issues facing the Millennium Assembly. The briefing, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited.

There will be a briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 109 (Advancement of women) and 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Special event

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 25 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representatives of Belarus and Spain, and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Ms. Jelena Grčić (Croatia) and Mr. Julian Vassallo (Malta) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

Upon nomination by the representative of Bolivia, and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Mr. Shingo Yamamoto (Japan) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/55/23 (Parts II to III)).

The Chairman of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, China, Algeria, New Zealand, Cuba, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Brazil (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) as well as Bolivia and Chile), the United States, Morocco and Yemen.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Requests for hearing

The Chairman drew attention to aide-mémoire 1/00 which contained requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar and Western Sahara, as well as receipt of a further request relating to Western Sahara.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to questions posed to him by the representative of Morocco.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Committee, as suggested by the Chairman, decided to set the deadline for submission for further requests for hearing by Tuesday, 26 September, at 12 noon, and to be processed as documents to be considered at the next meeting.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, the Governor of Guam and a representative of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3rd meeting

The Chairperson made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Hazel de Wet (Namibia) and Mr. Mostafa Alaie (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chairpersons and Ms. Anzhela Korneliouk (Belarus) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Address by the Under-Secretary-General of the Economic and Social Affairs

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Committee.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

The Chief, Programme on Ageing of the Division for Social Policy and Development made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Senegal, the United States, Cuba, Bangladesh, Rwanda and Norway.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

The Committee was also reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 and 104 was on Thursday, 28 September, 6 p.m.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

2nd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected Mr. Salah T. Suheimat (Jordan), Mr. Marcelo Vázquez (Ecuador), Mr. Kenjika L. Ekedede (Nigeria) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Drahoslav Stefanek of Slovakia as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/55/L.1 and orally amended by the Chairman.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 51/210 and 54/110, the Committee reestablished a Working Group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by resolution 51/210 and elected Mr. Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka) to chair this Working Group and decided that the Working Group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to all States members of the United Nations, members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/98 and 54/101, the Committee decided to reestablish the open-ended Working Group to continue its work on the consideration of the future form of, and outstanding substantive issues related to, the draft articles on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property adopted by the International Law Commission. Professor Gerhard Hafner (Austria) was elected as Chairman of the Working Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special screening

A special screening of the documentary film entitled "Crimes of Honour", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in cooperation with Equality Now, will take place *today*, 26 September 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to be followed by a discussion with the Jordanian lawyer, Mrs. Asma Khader. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Global summit

A Global Summit of Polio Eradication Partners will take place on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, from 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1. Speakers will include Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Ted Turner, Chair of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships; Mr. Frank Devlyn, President of Rotary International; Ms. Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services (United States); Ms. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative; Ms. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General, World Health Organization, and Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. H.E. Prof. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will co-chair the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.